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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PLASTICS INDUSTRY

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1. ZAMBIAN PLASTICS INDUSTRY MADE UP OF OVER 20 FIRMS ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION OR RETAILING OF VARIOUS PLASTIC PRODUCTS RANGING FROM PLASTIC BAGS TOTPVC PIPES. VIRTUALLY ALL RAW MATERIAL IMPORTED FROM EUROPE OR U.S.

2. DECREASE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY AND SUBSEQUENTLY IMPOSED IMPORT LICENSING REQUIRAMENT HAS RESULTED IN DARAMATC DECLINE IN IMPORT MATERIALS FOR PLASTIC INDUSTRY. INCOMPLETE FIGURES SHOW 50 PERCENT OR MORE REDUCTION IN IMPORTS IN 1976 OVER 1975. MAJOR IMPORTS BY SITC CODE HAVE BEEN 58212, 58315, 58319, 58213, AND 58339.

3. MARKET DEMAND FOR PLASTIC PRODUCTS, RAW MATERIALS, AND MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT IS EXTREMELY HIGH, BUT REASONABLE EXPLOITATION OF THIS MARKET PRESENTLY BIFFICULT BECAUSE OF LIMITED FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY. WN IMPORTER MUST NOW PLAN ON 8-10 MONTHS FOR THE FOERIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION, IMPORT LICENSING, AND LETTER OF CREDIT PPOCEDURE, WHILE A SUPPLIER SHIPPING ON SIGHT DRAFT MUST PLAN ON A LEAST A 6 MONTH WAIT FOR PAYMENT. THUS, THE ZAMBIAN MARKET IS PROBALLY MORE INTERESTING TO PRESENT SUPPLIERS THAN TO FIRMS NEW TO THE MARKET.

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